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TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 27 June 1953, there was no air activity by the VPL regiment at Cottbus airfield, which was still on alert. The soldiers were given instruction and practice in carbine firing. On 1 July, the alert and restriction to quarters were recinded and flying was practiced with MiG-15 and U-MiG-15 planes under Soviet supervision. The Funker Kaserne was almost entirely vacated, allegedly for the VPL headquarters from Johannisthal. The installation was now guarded by VPL. According to rumors in the 1st VPL Div, the jet planes would be withdrawn by the Soviets.

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2. On 5 July, [ ] determined that Soviet troops left the field. From 70 to 80 jet planes departed heading north. Female personnel left Cottbus for Frankfurt/Oder.

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1. [ ] Comment. The transfer of the VPL operations staff from Berlin-Johannisthal to Cottbus was reported previously. The Funker Kaserne in the eastern section of the field is being vacated by component units of the Ninth Mecc Div.

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2. [ ] Comment. This departure is possibly connected with the observation of MiG-15s at Wernauchen airfield.

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